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SUBJECT: CERI/D/COMM JOINT PROGRAMMING GROUP (JPG) MEETING, MAR 6

REF: A. ED(74)1-CERI/CD(74)9 (AREAS OF PROGRAM COORDINATION)
.B. MO(74)6 (DRAFT OUTLINE MSA 1975 WORK PROGRAM); C. USOECD
2467; D. USOECD 5375

1. SUMMARY: JPG APPROVED SECRETARIAT PROPOSAL FOR 1974 ACTIVITIES
OUTLINED PARAS 6-12 REF A, BUT MAJOR TOPIC OF DISCUSSION WAS
GASS PROPOSAL FOR ROLE OF JPG IN COORDINATING WORK PROGRAMS
OF MSAC, EDCOMM AND CERI (SEE PARA 2 BELOW AND REF :). JPG
MEMBERS (WHO NOW REPRESENT EDUCATION AUTHORITIES IN MEMBER
COUNTRIES) CONCERNED THAT OECD EDUCATION ACTIVITIES
MIGHT NOT RECEIVE PROPER EMPHASIS IF JPG WERE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE
MSAC REPS BUT UNABLE TO AGREE ON ALTERNATIVES TO GASS PRO-
POSALS. GASS POINTED OUT OPPORUTNITIES FOR COOPERATION WITHIN
SECRETARIAT IN PROPOSALS FOR 1975 MSA WORK PROGRAM (PARA 3).
HE MAY SPELLOUT IDEAS ON ROLE OF WOMEN PROJECT WHEN HE SEES STEIN
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MARCH 14 (REF D). IN OTHER WASHINGTON APPOINTMENTS GASS MAY

REITERATE PRIVATE COMMENTS TO MISOFF SUPPORTING LEESTMA CONCEPT OF JPG (PARA 2 BELOW). END SUMMARY.

2. FUTURE ROLE OF JPG - AS FOLLOW-UP TO INTEGRATION OF SECRETARIAT STAFF INTO NEW DIRECTORATE FOR SOCIAL, MANPOWER AND EDUCATION AFFAIRS (REF C), GASS SAID SEC GEN PROBABLY WOULD PROPOSE JPG (1) BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE REPS FROM MSA COMMITTEE AND (2) BE CHARGED WITH COORDINATION OF WORK OF NEW DIRECTORATE ON PROGRAMS OF MSA AND EDUCATION COMMITTEES AND CERI. CRITICAL REACTION JPG MEMBERS CENTERED ON CONCERN THAT EDUCATION PROGRAM MIGHT BE SUBORDINATED TO ECONOMIC AND LABOR MARKET PRIORITIES BECAUSE OF ADDITION OF MSA REPS AND BECAUSE JPG MEMBERS FELT NEW DIRECTORATE MIGHT FOCUS ON ISSUES RAISED OUTSIDE JPG (LATTER POINT REFERS TO COUNCIL DISCUSSION CITED IN PARA 4 REF A). SEVERAL MODIFICATIONS OF SEC GEN PROPOSAL FOR EXPANDED JPG DISCUSSED BUT NO CONCLUSION REACHED. NORWEGIAN SUGGESTION THAT NEW JPG MEET IN TWO SESSIONS (FIRST BETWEEN EDCOMM/CERI REPS ALONE AND SECOND "TRIPARTITE" SESSION WITH MSA REPS) OPPOSED BY US AND FRG. US DEL (LEESTMA) SAID NEW JPG SHOULD MEET MORE OFTEN, OUTLINE AND PLAN INTERRELATED PARTS OF MSA, EDUCATION, CERI PROGRAMS BEFORE SECRETARIAT DRAFTED PROGRAM PROPOSALS. DURING DISCUSSION

GASS EMPHASIZED THAT PROPOSAL FOR EXPANDED JPG WAS TENTATIVE AND THAT ALTHOUGH SCOPE OF NEW JPG WOULD BE BROADENED TO INCLUDE MSA PROGRAM AND REPS, PURPOSE OF EXPANDED JPG REMAINED SAME AS PRESENT BODY: COORDINATION OF SECRETARIAT WORK ON RELATED PARTS OF SEPARATE PROGRAMS. GASS SAID MERGER OF EDUCATION AND MSA COMMITTEES AND CERI "OUT OF QUESTION" AND THAT PROGRAMS WOULD ALSO REMAIN SEPARATE WITH COORDINATION ONLY WHERE APPROPRIATE. DEGREE OF INTEGRATION SECRETARIAT STAFF WILL DEPEND ON POSITIVE RESULTS, WHICH GASS FELT WOULD BE FORTHCOMING SOON.

3. SECRETARIAT PROPOSALS FOR 1975 MSA PROGRAM (REF B) - IN PART TO REDIRECT JPG FROM FEARS TO POSITIVE ASPECTS OF PROPOSED EXPANDED ROLE, GASS STRESSED OPPORTUNITIES FOR COOPERATION WITHIN HIS DIRECTORATE IN CONNECTION WITH REF B (WHICH MSA COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER AT MARCH 19 SESSION). HIGHLIGHTS GASS SUGGESTIONS FOR COORDINATING SECRETARIAT WORK ON EDUCATION WITH PROPOSALS UNDER MAJOR HEADINGS REF B WERE: I - RESOURCE ALLOCATIONS IN SOCIAL FIELDS (LINK BETWEEN SOCIAL AND EDUCATIONAL INDICATORS); III - UNCLASSIFIED

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ADAPTATION OF EMPLOYMENT SYSTEM TO NEW ECONOMIC/SOCIAL NEEDS (EDUCATION/EMPLOYMENT STUDY AND EDUCATIONAL ASPECTS OF ACTIVE MANPOWER POLICY, INCLUDING VOCATIONAL TRAINING, WORK IN ENTERPRISE MANPOWER POLICY PROJECT); V - IMPROVEMENTS IN QUALITY AND FLEXIBILITY

OF WORKING LIFE (GREATER ACCESS OF WORKING PEOPLE TO FORMAL AND RECURRENT EDUCATION; VI - INCOME DISTRIBUTION AND EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITIES (GASS STRESSED NEED FOR MORE FLEXIBLE PATTERNS

FOR EDUCATION AND WORK FOR WOMEN, PARA 30, REF B); VIII -
COUNTRY REVIEWS (GASS EMPHASIZED THEMATIC EXAMINATIONS PROPOSED
PARA 37).

4. COORDINATION OF 1974 PROGRAM (REF A) - JPG APPROVED SECRE-
TARIAT SUGGESTIONS PARAS 6-12. GASS SUGGESTION THAT STUDY OF
INCOME REDISTRIBUTION POLICY SHOULD BE IMPORTANT PART OF EQUALITY
OF OPPORTUNITY THEME (PARA 11-12) WAS CRITICIZED AS TOO POLITICAL
(EIDE, NORWAY) AND LESS IMPORTANT THAN TEACHERS' ATTITUDES
TOWARD DISADVANTAGES STUDENTS (BELGIUM, VAN BERGEN); HOWEVER
JPG APPROVED "TECHNICAL CONFERENCE" LATER THIS YEAR ON "EDUCATION,
INEQUALITY AND REDISTRIBUTION" (PARA 12). JPG ALSO AGREED WITH
PROPOSAL PARA 9 FOR SHIFT OF STUDY OF CURRICULUM FOR 16-19 AGE
GROUP FROM CERI TO EDCOMM AND COORDINATION WITH COMPLEMENTARY
MSA WORK. NO SIGNIFICANT COMMENTS WERE MADE ON EDUCATION-EMPLOY-
MENT (PARA 6), RECURRENT EDUCATION (PARA 7) AND POST-SECONDARY
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